

Human rights resources and links

Below are some starting points for anyone wishing to know more about human rights.

The United Nations Development Programme on Governance in the Arab Region (UNDP-POGAR) is dedicated to the promotion and development of good governance practices and related reforms in the Arab states; it works in partnership with key governance institutions including human rights institutions, legislatures, judiciaries and civil society organisations. www.pogar.org/

The Human Rights Index for the Arab Countries, sponsored by UNDP-POGAR [see above], is a repository for the entire set of UN documents pertaining to human rights and the responses, including formal reservations, by the Arab member states to the committees that monitor the core international human rights treaties.

www.arabhumanrights.org/en/countries/country.aspx?cid=7

The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) represents the world's commitment to universal ideals of human dignity. www.ohchr.org

The Islamic Human Rights Commission is an independent, not-for-profit campaign, research and advocacy organisation based in London, UK, working in partnership with different organisations from Muslim and non-Muslim backgrounds.

www.ihrc.org.uk/index.php

The Islam and Human Rights Fellowship Program at Emory University in the US explores the relationship between human rights and Islam and puts scholarship at the service of practical efforts to promote human rights in Islamic societies.

www.law.emory.edu/ihr/

The Institute for Human Rights of the Beirut Bar Association promotes the universal values stated in the Lebanese constitution and in the UN human rights conventions.

www.bba.org.lb/subpage.php?lang=EN&cat=NDI3

The University of Minnesota Human Rights Library houses one of the largest collections of core human rights documents in nine languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. www1.umn.edu/humanrts/

The Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS) is an independent regional non-governmental organisation which promotes respect for the principles of human rights and democracy and analyses the difficulties facing the application of International Human Rights Law. www.cihrs.org/?lang=en

The human rights page on the UN website provides links to UN organisations, thematic issues, international courts and tribunals, and other resources, all focused on human rights.

www.un.org/rights/index.shtml